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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Governmental Operations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to sections 2 and 4 of article 3 of the constitution,
in relation to Senate apportionment

1 Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 2 of article
2 3 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:
3 S 2. The senate shall consist of [fifty] SIXTY-TWO members, except as
4 hereinafter provided. The senators elected in the year one thousand
5 eight hundred and ninety-five shall hold their offices for three years,
6 and their successors shall be chosen for two years. The assembly shall
7 consist of one hundred and fifty members. The assembly members elected
8 in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, and their
9 successors, shall be chosen for two years.
10 S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That subdivisions (d) and (e) of
11 section 4 of article 3 of the constitution be amended to read as
12 follows:
13 (d) [The ratio for apportioning senators shall always be obtained by
14 dividing the number of inhabitants, excluding aliens, by fifty, and the
15 senate shall always be composed of fifty members, except that if any
16 county having three or more senators at the time of any apportionment
17 shall be entitled on such ratio to an additional senator or senators,
18 such additional senator or senators shall be given to such county in
19 addition to the fifty senators, and the whole number of senators shall
20 be increased to that extent.
21 The senate districts, including the present ones, as existing imme-
22 diately before the enactment of a law readjusting or altering the senate
23 districts, shall continue to be the senate districts of the state until
24 the expirations of the terms of the senators then in office, except for
25 the purpose of an election of senators for full terms beginning at such
26 expirations, and for the formation of assembly districts.] ONE SENATOR

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 SHALL BE APPOINTED TO EACH COUNTY OF THE STATE HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED
2 AND SEPARATELY ORGANIZED.

3 (e) The process for redistricting congressional and state [legisla-
4 tive] ASSEMBLY districts established by this section and sections five
5 and five-b of this article shall govern redistricting in this state
6 except to the extent that a court is required to order the adoption of,
7 or changes to, a redistricting plan as a remedy for a violation of law.

8 A reapportionment plan and the districts contained in such plan shall
9 be in force until the effective date of a plan based upon the subsequent
10 federal decennial census taken in a year ending in zero unless modified
11 pursuant to court order.

12 S 3. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be
13 referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the
14 next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in
15 conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be
16 published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.